



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:

ROBERTO J. RIOJA ET AL.

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ALUMINUM-COPPER-MAGNESIUM
ALLOYS HAVING ANCILLARY
ADDITIONS OF LITHIUM

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AMENDMENT

June 30, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 1999. Accompanying this Amendment is a three-month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response through June 30, 2000.

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

01 sb 31 1. (Amended) An aluminum alloy comprising [up to] from about 3 to about 4.5 wt % copper, from about 0.6 to [6.0] about 2 wt % magnesium and from about 0.01 to about 0.99 wt % lithium, wherein the copper, magnesium and lithium are present in the aluminum alloy in the form of a solid solution.

Please cancel Claims 9-11.

Please amend Claim 12 as follows:

a2 sb 32 12. (Amended) An aluminum alloy comprising copper, magnesium and lithium, the lithium content being from about 0.01 to 0.99 wt % and the copper and magnesium weight percent values falling within a closed area on a graph with wt % copper on

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